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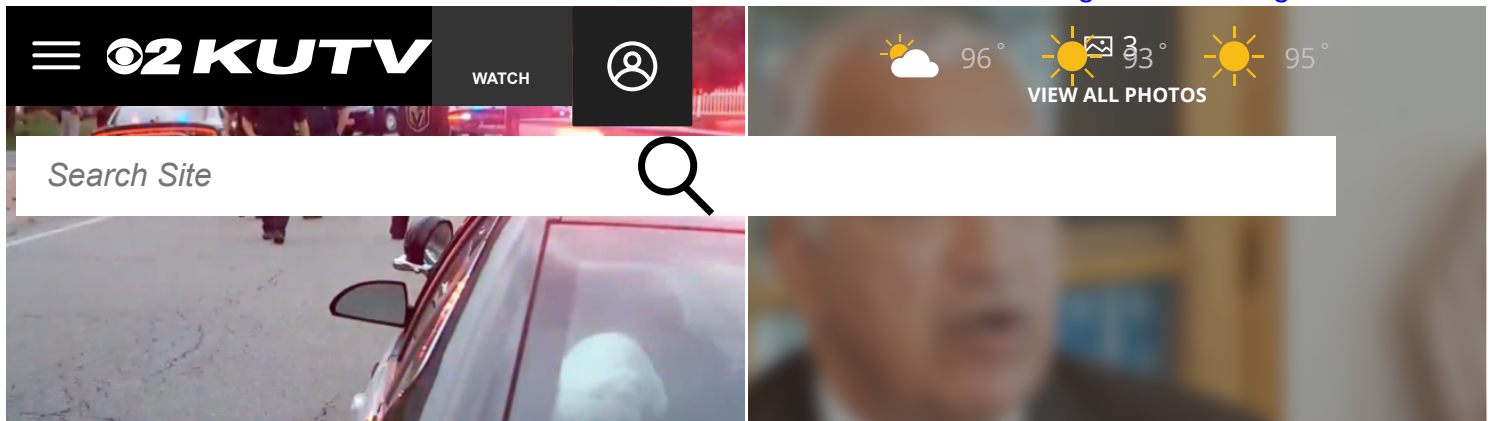
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# No criminal charges for Cottonwood Heights officers who fatally shot robbery suspect

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(KUTV) — Salt Lake County District Attorney Sim Gill said after investigating, **he will not pursue criminal charges against Cottonwood Heights Police Officer Casey Davies**, who shot and killed Zane Anthony James on May 29.

Zane was suspected in two robberies and was running from police, reportedly concealing his hands and “reaching” when Davies shot him.

Gill said Davies would be able to claim successfully at trial that he believed the “use of deadly force was necessary to prevent death or serious bodily injury to the officer or another person.”



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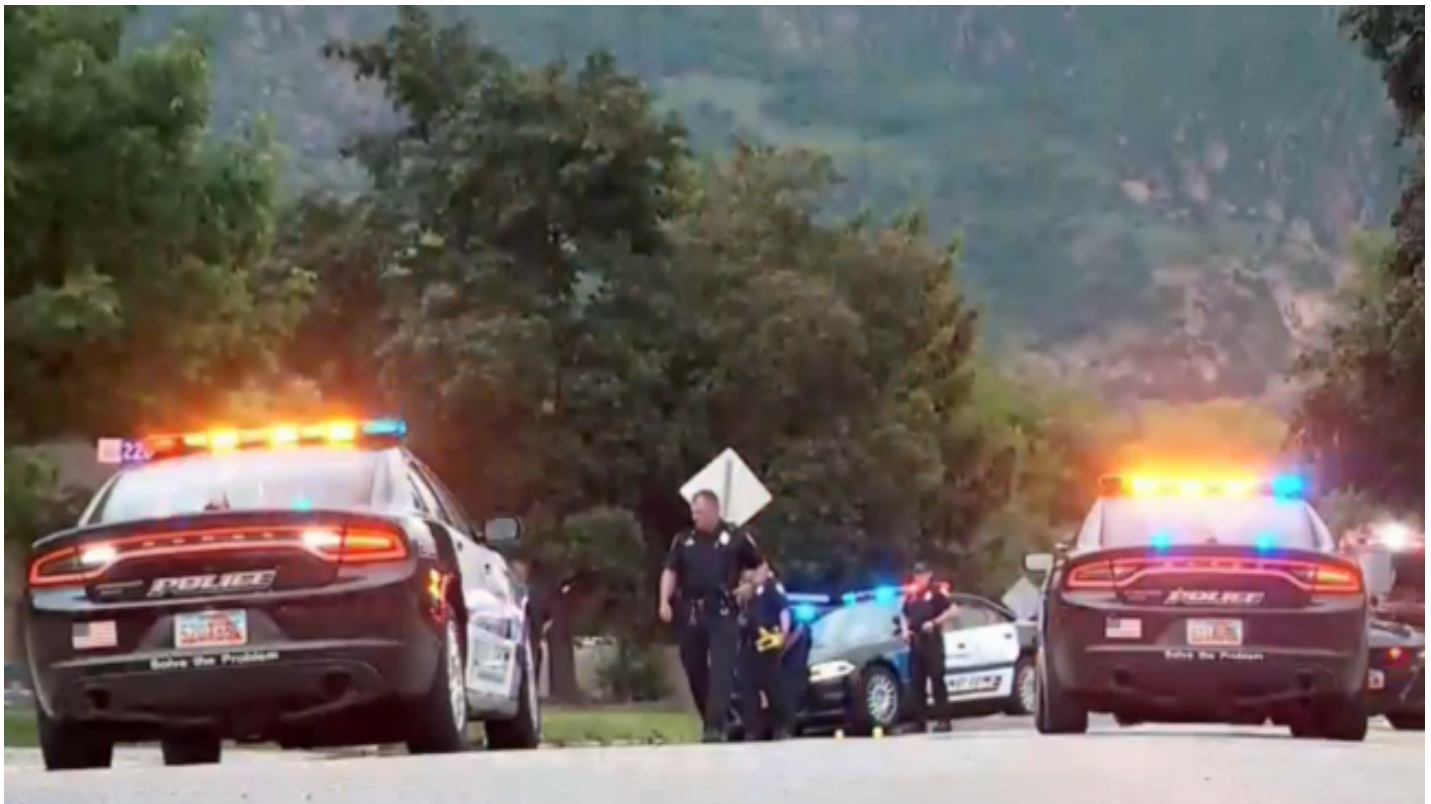


Cottonwood Heights Police Chief Robbie Russo said Davies was on his way to work when the shooting happened — he'd not yet made it to the police station to pick up his camera.

James was the suspect in two early morning robberies on May 27 in Sandy.

In both cases, a man showed a gun to hold up staff at grocery stores, then took off with cash.

Later that morning, according to the DA's report, the robbery suspect was spotted in Cottonwood Heights.



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Officer Betenson from Cottonwood Heights pursued the suspect, who was on a motorcycle.

Davies joined the chase.



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The officers ordered James to stop, but he continued to dig through his pockets.

After the shooting, officers found a BB gun on the suspect.

Russo issued a statement regarding Gill's findings.

"Mr. Gill's ruling is consistent with the CHPD's own internal affairs investigation, which concluded that Officer Davies acted within policy and with the boundaries of the law," Russo said in a statement.



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Gill said he made his decision based on physical evidence and statements from other police officers who responded to the scene.

One officer's body camera video was also submitted as evidence, but that video did not show the shooting.